

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please add the following on page 5, line 18:

Figure 2A is a somewhat general perspective view of an FFCV, incorporating the teachings of the invention.

Please amend page 5, line 23 to page 6, line 2 as follows:

The proposed FFCV 10 is intended to be constructed of an impermeable textile tube. The tube's configuration may vary. For example, as shown in Figure 2, it would comprise a tube 12 having a substantially uniform diameter (perimeter) and sealed on each end 14 and 16. The respective ends 14 and 16 may be closed, pinched, and sealed in any number of ways. A means for loading and unloading cargo would be provided. For example, as shown in Figure 2A, end caps 19 may fill and empty FFCV 10 via ports 21. The resulting impermeable structure which is fabricated out of segments or sections of material 18 will be flexible enough to be folded or wound up for transportation and storage.

Please amend page 6, line 28 to page 7, line 11 as follows

An FFCV formed of such segments has obvious attendant advantages. The fabrication of segments rather than a seamless structure allows them to be flat woven of various lengths and widths. For example, one of the dimensions of the segment 17 can be equal to the circumference of the FFCV 10 and formed into a tubular structure as seen in Figure 2. The variations are endless. It also allows them to be rendered impermeable prior to joining them together, since the segments can be pre-coated. Also, to ensure a leak free seal, it may be produced either by adding additional sealant to the surface in the area of the overlap 34 after attaching the C-shaped

members, or using a bonding process that results in sealed bond at the overlap 34 such as a curable polymeric sealant (an adhesive) such as a curable polyurethane. For example, an ultrasonic bonding or thermal bonding process (see e.g. U.S. Patent No. 5,713,399) could be used with a thermoplastic coating to result in a leak free area. If the fabric segments were not pre-coated, or if it was desired to coat the structure after fabrication, appropriate methods of accomplishing the same are set forth in the aforesaid patent application.
